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Terms of Reference

SIGINT Committee Ad Hoc Group on Requirements Satisfaction

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The charter of the SIGINT Committee of USIB calls for the establishment of SIGINT requirements and the evaluation of the product of SIGINT collection and processing resources. Tradition and usage are such that SIGINT now includes COMINT, ELINT, ~~ELINT~~, instrumentation signals (telemetry, beaconry and related command systems), and [REDACTED] 25X1

[REDACTED]. In practice essentially all of these sensor types can be based on a variety of platforms, space, air, sea, or ground. Thus, both the requirements and the evaluation responsibilities conceivably cover a broad scope. In addition, the requirements have included both day-to-day information needs and longer term needs, the first relating to the tasking or use of possessed resources, the latter, to the development, procurement and use of future resources.

In order for the SIGINT Committee to have a sound basis for setting these types of requirements it must have carried out the evaluation parts of its functions well. A realistic, objective, and quantitative assessment of current accomplishment of collection/processing systems and of likely accomplishments of future systems are indispensable in carrying out the requirements task.

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The evaluation function of the SIGINT Committee, though carried out with as much objectivity and realism as possible, has never been as quantitative as needed and has suffered from a lack of routine and consistency. In order to help alleviate these shortcomings, the SIGINT Committee Ad Hoc Group on Requirements Satisfaction is established.

Mission

To develop a mechanism by which the SIGINT Committee can routinely report on the degree to which SIGINT requirements, ~~from both air and ground collection,~~ are being satisfied.

Authority and Responsibility

The Ad Hoc Group on Requirements Satisfaction will report to the SIGINT Committee on the progress of its investigations and will receive from the SIGINT Committee instructions on the direction of research and investigation as appropriate.

The Ad Hoc Group will have authority to obtain information and data from the Intelligence Community members on the same basis as the information would be made available to the entire SIGINT Committee. The SIGINT Committee will be responsible for informing the members of the Intelligence Community.

The reports and recommendations of the Ad Hoc Group will be on the basis of consensus rather than unanimity. Dissenting

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opinions from the consensus may be noted at the request of the dissenting member of the Ad Hoc Group.

The members of the Ad Hoc Group will be selected by the SIGINT Committee. The Chairman will be appointed by the Chairman of the SIGINT Committee. The duration of the Ad Hoc Committee will be at the pleasure of the SIGINT Committee.

Approach

The following principles will govern the carrying out of the mission of the Ad Hoc Group:

- a. consider all available and appropriate procedures, methods and data sources, keeping to an absolute minimum recommending additional effort;
- b. adopt an incremental phased approach addressing the problem a step at a time, but keeping in mind the overall goal;
- c. keep the SIGINT Committee informed of all Ad Hoc Group activities and progress promptly; and
- d. express the output of the Ad Hoc Group in the form of recommendations to the SIGINT Committee which will take the appropriate implementing actions.